



Crowds Welcome Jesus to Jerusalem

Psalms 118:19-29; Matthew 21:1-11

Grades
3&4

BIBLE FOCUS (THE BASICS)

Jesus told his disciples exactly what to do. They were to go into the village and bring back a donkey and her colt. Jesus even told them what to say if anyone asked why they were taking the donkey and colt. Jesus told them to say that the Lord needs them, and then the owner would send them right away.

Why a donkey? Well, it was important because of what the prophet Zechariah had said long before Jesus was even born. He said that the king would come to them "riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples did what Jesus told them to do. They went into town, found a donkey and her colt, and brought them back to Jesus. They placed their coats on the donkey and her colt, and Jesus sat on the coats.

Then the crowd of people placed their coats and branches on the road in front of Jesus and started shouting praises: "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!"

These people knew Jesus was God's Son!

When he entered Jerusalem that day, the people highly honored and praised Jesus. We can praise Jesus, too, for all that he does and for who he is.

Bible Point: We praise Jesus.

Key Verse: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" (Revelation 5:12).

Jesus Deserves MY Praise

Write your own words of praise to Jesus.

THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY Revelation 4:11

What can you learn from this praise exclamation?

TUESDAY Psalm 9:11

What types of things can we say when we praise Jesus?

WEDNESDAY Psalm 33:1-3

What's one great way to praise Jesus? When can you do this?

THURSDAY Psalm 67:5-7

What are some possible results of praising Jesus?

FRIDAY 2 Chronicles 20:20-22

What mighty things has God done in your life when you've praised him?

SATURDAY Psalm 35:28

When can you praise Jesus?

Family Praise

Draw the trunk of a palm tree on a piece of paper. Create palm branches for the tree from green construction paper.

Throughout the week, write on the palm branches the things you do this week to praise Jesus, and keep adding branches to the tree trunk. Then see how full your tree is at the end of the week. See if you can fill the tree full of praises!



Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids circle their choice below.)

- Pray for two minutes every morning after waking up, praising Jesus for all he does for you.
- Think about the Key Verse on your Bible Truth Sleuth page and give thanks in prayer for Jesus, the Lamb of God who was slain and came back to life.
- Listen to at least one praise song a day and sing along.



Ask Your Family

- What things (actions) have you done that praise Jesus?
- Why do you praise Jesus?
- What helps remind you to praise Jesus?

Thank you, Jesus!